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## FOREWORD

Publication of these Uniform Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction fulfills the goal of a group of agencies who joined forces in 1966 to produce such a set of documents. Subsequently, in the interest of promoting county-wide acceptance and use of these standards and details, the Maricopa Association of Governments accepted their sponsorship and the responsibility of keeping them current and viable.

These specifications and details, representing the best professional thinking of representatives of several Public Works Departments, reviewed and refined by members of the construction industry, were written to fulfill the need for uniform rules governing public works construction performed for Maricopa County and the various cities and public agencies in the county. It further fulfills the need for adequate standards by the smaller communities and agencies who could not afford to promulgate such standards for themselves.

A uniform set of specifications and details, updated and embracing the most modern materials and construction techniques will redound to the benefit of the public and the private contracting industry. Uniform specifications and details will eliminate conflicts and confusion, lower construction costs, and encourage more competitive bidding by private contractors.

The Uniform Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction will be revised periodically and reprinted to reflect advanced thinking and the changing technology of the construction industry. To this end a Specifications and Details Committee has been established as a permanent organization to continually study and recommend changes to the Specifications and Details. Interested parties may address suggested changes and questions to:

Standard Specifications & Details Committee  
c/o Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 300  
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These suggestions will be reviewed by the committee and appropriate segments of the industry and cumulative annual revisions will be published the first of each year. A copy of this publication is available for review on the internet at the website listed below. Please follow the links to the publications page and look for *Uniform Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction* and/or *Uniform Standard Details for Public Works Construction*:

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While in the interest of uniformity, it is hoped that all using agencies will adopt these standards with as few changes as possible, it is recognized that because of charter requirements and for other reasons, some agencies will find it necessary to modify or supplement certain requirements.

## **SECTION 615**

### **SEWER LINE CONSTRUCTION**

#### **615.1 DESCRIPTION:**

The construction or extension of sewer lines shall conform to the applicable standard specifications and details, except as otherwise required on the plans or as modified in the special provisions.

Concrete pipe shall conform to Section 735. High density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe shall conform to Section 738. Vitrified clay pipe shall conform to Section 743. Polyvinylchloride (PVC) pipe and fittings shall conform to Section 745.

#### **615.2 TRENCHING:**

Excavation of trenches shall be accomplished in accordance with Sections 601, and 603 for HDPE pipe.

The Engineer shall furnish the Contractor alignment and elevation stakes at agreed-upon intervals and offset together with cut sheets showing the difference in elevation from the top of the stakes to the flow line of the pipe.

The trench shall be dry when the fine grading of the bottom of the trench is accomplished. Before placement of pipe the fine grade shall be carefully checked by use of a string line, laser beam, or other means so that when in final position the pipe will be true to line and grade,  $\pm 0.05$  feet for 8 inches through 12 inches,  $\pm 0.10$  feet for 15 inches and larger.

For PVC pipe installation the width of trench as listed in Table 601-1 or as given in the contract documents may be increased to provide sufficient space for the installation of fittings or for compaction of the bedding. For HDPE pipe installation, the width of the trench will be per Subsection 603.2. The adjusted maximum width at the top of the pipe must be approved by the Engineer. The adjustment of the trench width to accomplish the above shall be done at no additional cost to the Contracting Agency.

#### **615.3 SEPARATION:**

To protect water lines from contamination by sewer lines, separation and extra protection shall be in accordance with Section 610.

Sewer lines that are constructed of ductile iron pipe for extra protection shall be internally lined for sewer service.

#### **615.4 LAYING PIPE:**

Pipe shall be of the type, class, and size called for on the plans. All pipe shall be protected during handling against impact shocks and free falls. No damaged or defective pipe shall be installed in the work. Pipe shall be kept clean at all times, and as the work progresses, the interior of the pipe shall be cleared of all dirt and superfluous materials of every description.

The laying of the pipe shall be in finished trenches free from water or debris, and shall be commenced at the lowest point, with the spigot ends pointing in the direction of the flow. Each pipe shall be laid firmly and true to line and grade, in such manner as to form a close concentric joint with the adjoining pipe and to prevent sudden offsets of the flowline. Any adjustment to line and grade shall be made by scraping away or filling in under the body of the pipe, never by wedging or blocking under the pipe ends.

The alignment and grade of each length of pipe shall be checked after setting by measurement from the string line, laser beam target or other means approved by the Engineer.

At all times when work is not in progress, open ends of the pipe and fittings shall be securely closed to the satisfaction of the Engineer, so that no water, earth or other substance will enter the pipe or fittings.

HDPE and PVC pipe and fittings shall be installed in accordance with ASTM D-2321. HDPE pipe bedding shall comply with Subsection 603.4. The PVC pipe bedding shall be placed in two lifts. The first lift will be from the bottom of the trench to the spring line of the pipe. The second lift will be from the spring line to one foot above the top of pipe. Separate inspections will be required on each lift. The Contractor shall place the first lift in a manner that will insure uniform support under the haunches and proper alignment of the pipe.

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### 615.5 FITTINGS:

All fittings shall conform to the requirements of the pipe specifications and shall be located as shown on the plans, or as directed by the Engineer, in accordance with the standard details.

### 615.6 JOINTING:

**615.6.1 Rubber Gasket Joints:** Prior to making pipe joints, all surfaces of the portions of the pipes to be joined shall be cleaned, dried, and prepared in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. The joints shall then be carefully centered and completed.

Trenches shall be kept water-free during the installation of joints and couplings.

The joint and coupling materials will be as specified in the appropriate pipe sections and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Cement mortar joints will NOT be permitted in sanitary sewer construction.

**615.6.2 Water Stops:** Water stops will be required when connecting PVC or HDPE pipe to concrete structures, manholes, etc. The water stop shall comply with Section 738 and will be installed per manufacturer recommendations.

### 615.7 SANITARY SEWER SERVICE TAPS:

When the construction of sanitary sewer service taps are called for in the special provisions, they shall be constructed in accordance with standard details for sewer taps except for HDPE pipe.

To maintain structural integrity of the pipe, service taps for HDPE pipe shall be constructed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

When any damage occurs to the pipe ribs or walls, outside of the tap area, the Contractor shall perform repairs, as recommended by the manufacturer at no cost to the Contracting Agency. Damage to the pipe will include but not be limited to gouging, marring, and scratching forming a clear depression in the pipe.

The location of the service tap for each property shall be in the downstream  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the lot, or as requested by the property owner. Sewer service taps shall not be covered until they have been plugged and marked in accordance with standard details and their location has been recorded by the Engineer. Electronic markers shall be placed at no greater depth than electronic locating devices can locate them (typically 2'-4').

### 615.8 SANITARY SEWER CLEANOUTS:

The cleanouts shall be constructed at locations shown on the plans, in accordance with the standard details for cleanouts.

### 615.9 MANHOLES:

Manholes shall be constructed to conform with the requirements of Sections 625, Section 505 and standard details.

### 615.10 BACKFILLING:

Backfilling and compaction shall be done in accordance with Sections 601 and 603, for HDPE pipe.

### 615.11 TESTING:

Pressure testing of force mains shall be done in accordance with Section 610.14.

Sewers and pipe lines shall be subject to acceptance testing after backfilling has been completed but prior to the placement of the finished surface material.

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**621.3.3 Cutting:** The Contractor will be prohibited from using conventional welding torches in cutting full lined CMP due to fire hazard. Pipe will either be sawcut or cut with special cutting tools which will not expose the pipe to the fire hazard of a normal acetylene torch. Whenever possible, connections shall be shop fabricated to prevent any exposure to fire hazard.

**621.3.4 Repair of Damage to Coatings:** Corrugated metal pipe shall be carefully handled at all times to prevent damage to the external coating, spelter coating, or internal lining. Each length of pipe shall be carefully inspected immediately prior to placing in the trench to ascertain that no damage has been done to the exterior coating that will be concealed when the pipe is placed. Any damage to the spelter coating, shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Engineer in accordance with Section 771. Any damage to the external coating or internal lining shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Engineer with bituminous mastic as specified above.

### **621.4 TEST SPECIMENS:**

All tests on the bituminous coating shall be made on samples secured from pipe delivered to or about to be delivered to the Contractor, or from the coating and lining facility of the pipe fabricator at the time the pipe is being coated.

Compliance with these specifications as set forth, shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. Three certified copies of test results indicating compliance shall be furnished for each lot or shipment prior to delivery of the material to the Contractor.

### **621.5 MEASUREMENT:**

Measurement of corrugated metal pipe will be the number of linear feet of pipe, measured horizontally, from end to end of the pipe through manholes and specials. At changes in diameter the measurement will be to center of manhole or special.

### **621.6 PAYMENT:**

Payment will be made at the contract unit price bid per linear foot, to the nearest foot, for each size and type of pipe and shall be compensation in full for furnishing and installing the corrugated metal pipe as specified, including removal of obstructions, excavation, backfilling, compacting, testing, and all incidental costs not specifically covered in other items in the proposal.

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## SECTION 625

### MANHOLE CONSTRUCTION AND DROP SEWER CONNECTIONS

#### 625.1 DESCRIPTION:

625.1.1 Sewer Manholes: Construction shall consist of furnishing all materials and constructing manholes complete in place, as detailed, including foundation walls, cast iron steps, manhole frames, covers, and any incidentals thereto, at locations shown on the plans.

**625.1.2 Drop Sewer Connections:** Construction shall consist of furnishing all materials and constructing drop sewer connections complete in place as detailed, including foundation materials, pipe, and any incidentals thereto, at locations shown on the plans.

#### 625.2 MATERIALS:

Unless otherwise shown on the plans or specified in the special provisions, materials to be used shall conform with the following:

Bricks for manholes Section 775.

Cement mortar for manholes Class D, Section 776.

Concrete for manholes Class A, for drop sewer connection Class C, Section 725.

Pipe used in manholes or drop sewer connections shall comply with pipe requirements of Section 615.

Manhole frame, cover and steps Section 787 and cast in accordance with standard details.

Plastic manhole steps, which conform to O.S.H.A. and A.S.T.M. C-487 requirements, and steel manhole steps, which are completely encapsulated in corrosion resistant rubber and conform to O.S.H.A. and A.S.T.M. C-478 requirements, may be substituted for cast iron manhole steps. The manufacturer shall furnish the Engineer a certification indicating conformance.

#### 625.3 CONSTRUCTION METHODS:

**625.3.1 Manholes:** Manholes shall be constructed of brick, of precast concrete sections, or of cast in place concrete with cast iron manhole steps, frames and covers, in accordance with the standard details. The invert channels shall be smooth and semi-circular in shape, conforming to the inside of the adjacent sewer sections. Changes in direction of flow shall be made with a smooth curve, having a radius as large as the manhole will permit. Changes in size and grade of the channels shall be made gradually and evenly.

Invert channels may be formed of concrete or brick masonry having a smooth plastered surface, may be half tile laid in concrete or brick, or may be constructed by laying full section of sewer pipe through the manhole and breaking out the top half after the surrounding concrete or brick masonry has hardened. The floor of the manhole outside the channels shall be smoothed and shall slope towards the channels.

The excavation shall be made cylindrical to a diameter sufficient in size to permit sheeting if necessary and leave room that the bricks may be laid in a workmanlike manner and the outside plaster coat properly applied or the precast concrete sections or forms may be properly assembled.

A concrete foundation of Class A concrete shall be poured in accordance with the Standard Details and Section 505.

Brickwork shall not be laid upon a concrete foundation less than 24 hours after such foundation has been poured. No brickwork shall be laid in water, nor, except as prescribed for curing, shall water be allowed to stand or run on any brickwork until the mortar has thoroughly set. Where new work is joined to existing unfinished work, the contact surfaces of the latter shall be thoroughly cleaned and moistened.

Bricks shall be thoroughly moistened prior to placing, and shall be laid in full cement mortar beds. Every course may be a header course, but at least every fourth course shall be a header course. The horizontal cross section of the manhole shall be circular unless otherwise called for on the plans or standard details. An oval or egg-shaped section will not be permitted. A double row-lock course of brick in the manhole wall shall be arched over the top half of the circumference of all inlet and outlet pipes. The